IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 to read as shown below:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS AND PATENTS

The subject matter of this application is related to the subject matter of ~~application 09/994,729~~U.S. Patent Application Number 10/747,471 filed ~~November 28, 2001, application number 09/994,739 filed November 28, 2001, application number 09/679,109 filed October 4, 2000~~December 29, 2003 which is incorporated herein by reference. The subject matter of this application is also related to U.S. Patent 5,615,109 "Method of and System for Generating Feasible, Profit Maximizing Requisition Sets" and U.S. Patent 6,321,205 "Method of and System for Modeling and Analyzing Business Improvement Programs" by Jeff S. Eder, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 9 to read as shown below:

These and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be more readily apparent from the following description of ~~the preferred~~one embodiment of the invention in which:

Please amend lines 2 through 10 of page 11 to read as shown below:

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However, in theone preferred embodiment all required information is obtained from the specified databases (30, 35 & 45) and the Internet (40).

As shown in FIG. 3, the preferredone embodiment of the present invention is a computer system (100) illustratively comprised of a client personal computer (110) connected to an application server personal computer (120) via a network (25). The application server personal computer (120) is in turn connected via the network (25) to a database-server personal computer (130).

Please amend lines 1 and 2 of page 24 to read as shown below:

However, in the preferredone embodiment genetic algorithms are used.

Please change lines 27 – 29 on page 24 to read as shown below:

application that have specific tasks to perform. In the case of sensitivity bots, their primary task is to determine the sensitivity of the optimal mix to changes in element of value availability, external factor price, deliverable price, feature price and feature option

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Please amend line 3 of page 28 to read as shown below:

However, in ~~the preferred~~ one embodiment genetic algorithms are used. Every

Please change lines 29 – 31 on page 28 to read as shown below:

application that have specific tasks to perform. In the case of sensitivity bots, their primary task is to determine the sensitivity of the optimal mix to changes in element of value availability, external factor price, deliverable price, feature price and feature option

Please change lines 22 – 24 on page 30 to read as shown below:

probabilistic simulation model to analyze the proposed changes. ~~The preferred~~ One embodiment of the probabilistic simulation model is a Markov Chain Monte Carlo model. ~~However, other~~ Other simulation models can be used with similar results. The model is

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